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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement
mailed on March 25, 2002. Please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Amended) A wafer having a surface contoured to form air
bearing surfaces of a plurality of glide heads.

Please add new claims 15-20 as follows:

15. (New) The wafer of claim 11 wherein the contoured surface for
the air bearing surfaces of the plurality of glide heads has a
peak-to-valley flatness less than about 1μ inch.

16. (New) The wafer of claim 11 wherein the contoured surface for
the air bearing surfaces of the plurality of glide heads has a
surface flatness less than about 1μ inch.

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